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Hot, Infamous Bluegrass Band Heats up the Valley

Brecksville, Ohio - On Saturday, January 26, the *Infamous Stringdusters* take to the Happy Days stage as part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series. Beginning at 8 p.m., the concert will be held at Happy Days Lodge in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. This series is sponsored by the Kulas Foundation and receives promotional support from WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance ticket sales are available by calling (330) 657- 2909. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Though it may sound like hyperbole, the simple truth is this: there's no other band quite like the *Infamous Stringdusters*. Emerging from a lively community of friends and colleagues that's taken root in Nashville, they're six musicians poised at the point where youthful energy is balanced with maturity, inspiration with discipline and creativity with experience - exactly the sweet spot where the greats have made their most lasting marks. Schooled in tradition yet able to stretch out in jam band style improvisation, endowed with razor- sharp vocals, fiery instrumental abilities and a rapidly growing repertoire of well- crafted original songs and tunes, the *Infamous Stringdusters* are as fresh an addition to the bluegrass the music scene as has come along in many a year.

"They're young, bright, articulate, immensely talented, and they can sing in the old style or in their own style," says award- winning *Blue Highway* guitarist, singer and songwriter Tim Stafford, who produced *Fork In The Road*, the sextet's February 2007 debut for Sugar Hill. Stafford, a long- time observer whose vantage point gives him a particular clear view, makes no bones about where he thinks the *Infamous Stringdusters* are going. "I think they're the vanguard of what bluegrass music is going to become."

Although individually, band members have impressive experience: studying with Tony Trischka, backing award- winning country singer Lee Ann Womack, touring or recording with icons like Earl

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Scruggs, Dolly Parton and Charlie Daniels, the *Infamous Stringdusters* are quick to assert that the band is more than the sum of its parts. The *Stringdusters* include Andy Hall (dobro), Chris Eldridge (guitar), Chris Pandolfi (banjo), Jeremy Garrett (fiddle), Jesse Cobb (mandolin) and Travis Book (upright bass).

Other Series Concerts

<i>Saturday, January 26</i>	The Infamous Stringdusters , bluegrass
<i>Friday, February 8</i>	The Waybacks , newgrass, western swing, jug band, and gypsy jazz
<i>Saturday, February 16</i>	Jackie Tice Duo , American Indian singer/songwriter, flute
<i>Saturday, March 8</i>	April Verch Band , Canadian fiddler, step dancing
<i>Saturday, March 15</i>	*Cathie Ryan , Irish
<i>Saturday, April 12</i>	*Four Shillings Short , trad. Irish, Indian Ragas, Medieval, & Renaissance
<i>Friday, April 25</i>	The McDades , Canadian roots music, jazz inflected Celtic
<i>Friday, May 2</i>	Mamadou Diabate , world music, Malian kora player

* indicates these events have special pricing and are not available as part of a subscription package.

Create your own subscription series and enjoy three great concerts for one low price. No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged until ten days before the concert. \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, \$15 children 3 - 12. For more information about the subscriber series, call (330) 657- 2909.

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals call CVNPA at (330) 657- 2909 ext. 119.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. Visitors can hike, bike, birdwatch, golf, fish, ski, ride Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, explore the history of the Ohio & Erie Canal on a 20- mile section of the Towpath Trail, and attend national park ranger- guided programs, concerts, art exhibits and more. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/ or call (216) 524- 1497 or (800) 445- 9667.

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